

**Rockport Conservation Commission
Earth Day 2020 Subcommittee Minutes**

October 23, 2020

Location: Remotely on Zoom Video Conference

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Rockport Conservation Commission was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting were provided on the town's website. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public had adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. A recording of the proceedings was made on the town's website after the meeting.

Present Remotely:

Geralyn Falco/ Conservation Agent, Sarah Damassa, Sharon Kishida, William Waller, Eva Korpi, (Tom Mikus). The Rockport Conservation Commission Earth Day 2020 Subcommittee (Committee) is currently a six-member volunteer committee. Five voting members are present.

Absent: Sarah Tetrault

Minutes

09/18/20: Ms. Damassa moved to approve the Minutes as written; Mr. Waller seconded. Vote was via unanimous roll call: Ms. Damassa, Ms. Falco, Ms. Kishida, Mr. Waller and Ms. Korpi. Following documents were submitted & reviewed by RCC: "DRAFT Minutes of 09/18/20".

Updates:

Earth 2020 Science Symposium

Monthly topics were discussed as follows:

OCTOBER: Ms. Damassa made presentation on recent and New England hurricanes on October 22, 2020 with Mr. Waller hosting; recorded Zoom presentation was put on website.

NOVEMBER: Waste reduction for the Holidays; Ms. Kishida drafted list of gifts/sources; we talked about format and making it non-denominational; goal was to put notice on website by mid-November (Nov. 13, 2020). Ms. Damassa & Ms. Kishida will finalize and post.

DECEMBER: Eric Hutchins may make presentation (NOAA-based) on eels in Rockport; Mr. Waller will get details of platform and timing.

CoastSweep 2020 Clean-ups: Ms. Falco updated group; only one (1) person had signed up/conducted beach cleanup; said that November is still open for CoastSweep activity.

Bikeways with maps. Ms. Korpi wrote "Micro Mobility" article for paper; said she needs feedback from group; said there is need for safer micro-mobility vehicles and she met with Police, who said bicycles are allowed on sidewalks. Ms. Falco sent write-up to Subcommittee, who agreed to read and give her feedback for article in paper and on website

Next meeting: November 20, 2020 via Zoom @ 1 pm

Mr. Waller moved to adjourn meeting; Ms. Damassa seconded.

Vote via unanimous roll call Ms. Damassa, Ms. Falco, Ms. Kishida, Mr. Waller and Ms. Korpi

1:45 pm.

RCC-Earth 2020 ► Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM ◄ RCC-Earth 2020